













# The Metropolitan Clothing and Shoe House Bedford, Pa.

**ANOTHER CHRISTMAS COMING**—the happiest day of all the year, and happy days from now till then for happy people preparing to make other people happy. We are ready with the happiest of values in winter merchandise, among them lots of nice things suitable for Christmas gifts. **At this store you frequently secure two presents for the amount you thought one would cost.**

Nice clothing for men, boys and children, such as suits and overcoats, nice hats, good gloves, plenty of everything in gents' furnishings, pretty new neckties, a fine line of suit cases. Really more nice things than we have space to name.

**Ladies' Wearing Apparel** at very low prices. Coats, skirts, furs, gloves, silk waists, besides lots of pretty shoes and good rubbers.

Men's, boys' and girls' shoes were almost forgotten in this space, but no, it's our very strongest line.

**School Teachers** will find our store the right place to do their purchasing; if you want things that you don't see mentioned in this paper, come in and ask for them, we have lots of things in our store that we can't mention owing to our small space in the newspapers. Come here, we will not disappoint you.

**THE METROPOLITAN CLOTHING AND SHOE HOUSE**  
Nos. 1 and 2 Oppenheimer Building,  
BEDFORD, PA.  
ABE HOFFMAN, Proprietor. BRANCH STORE AT COALDALE, PA.

Everybody ought to see J. W. Rider's Christmas Stock of Watches and Rings—the finest assortment you ever saw in Bedford and the prices are reasonable.

For Rent—Barnley's farm at Bedford of 125 acres, 10 acres to mow, dectw2 J. J. RACKLEY.

Watches Examined our line of Watches for presents. We will quote you very low prices on Elgin's. W. A. DEFIBAUGH.

Teachers and others attending Institutes will find a fine assortment of new books, suitable for presents, at the Bedford Book Store.

Prices That Please. Granulated sugar, 5c. Arbuckle's coffee, 10c. Lima beans, 2c. Groceries of all kinds reduced during the holidays. Coal oil, the best, 12c. Repairs on shoes made and promptly done. Fresh homemade bread and pies daily. W. H. WEYANT, dectw2 West Pitt Street, Bedford.

Ridenour, the Leading Jeweler, has a fine line of Jewelry, Silver Novelties, Silverware, etc., for the Holiday trade. Prices are the lowest for good quality. Call and select your gifts early. You know you always get the best at J. W. RIDENOUR'S. dectw3

**IF YOU** want a pretty, stylish coat or hat go to Mrs. Kate Deal. A fine line of dress goods, notions, shirt waists, separate skirts. The most exclusive jacket suits ever brought to Bedford. Silk petticoats—black only—come and see the newest styles.

**MRS. KATE DEAL**  
BEDFORD, PA.

## Holiday Gems, Jewelry, Silver

This store is at its best—better than ever before—because of more extensive preparation than in any former year. Ready to serve a greater number of patrons, ready with the most elaborate and beautiful collection of things suitable for presentation that can be imagined. It is not difficult to select appropriate gifts for Yuletide, but of all what else has the real intrinsic worth of a diamond or a rare gem, a watch, a piece of rich cut glass or something in the line of silver? Such gifts as these are substantial—lasting—frequently handed down from generation to generation.

**W. A. DEFIBAUGH, JEWELER**  
BEDFORD, PA.

## HOW TO SELECT A HAT

There are many styles in millinery. It is our business to assist people to select the most becoming hats. OUR CUSTOMERS TRUST TO OUR JUDGMENT.

We have the best assortment of Furs in town. Handkerchiefs—the finest selection—from 3c to \$1.00. GOLF GLOVES, all colors. KID GLOVES, all shades. A NEW LOT OF FANCY STOCKS.

Drop in and see us. Don't mind putting us to the trouble of showing you goods; we are here for that purpose and are sure we can please you.

**MRS. ELLA GILCHRIST**  
BEDFORD, PENNA.

## CHRISTMAS GOODS

Now is the time to shop. The stock is fresh and complete. Call and look at our display.

Rocking Chairs	Violins, Mandolins	Pocket Knives
Ladies' Desks	Guitars	Razors
Onyx Tables	Accordeons	Scissors
Carving Sets	Mouth Organs	Escels
Rugs	Banjos	Lamps
Iron Beds	Rogers' Knives and Guns, Revolvers	Air Guns
Sleigh Bells	Forks	Sleds
Skates	Robes	

**METZGER HARDWARE & FURNITURE CO.**  
BEDFORD, PENNSYLVANIA



# Barnett's Store

Juliana Street, BEDFORD, PA.

## HORSEMEN

will find that it is to their interest to buy their Blankets, Robes, Whips, Curry Combs, Brushes, etc., here. We carry the largest stock of goods and our prices are the lowest.

The traditions of the past sink into utter insignificance under the brilliance of this year's display. Orders for some of our Holiday Novelties were placed as early as last April and we've been on the lookout for desirable articles ever since, until at last we have our spacious floors filled with the choicest gift-giving things that were ever brought into Bedford county.

## An Unusual Gathering of Holiday Goods is That Which we Have Assembled for Your 1903 Christmas

### Fine China

We've increased our already large china department, so much so that we have had to add new tables. It would be impossible to give a detailed description of the hundreds of pretty articles in this department. Twenty-five new dinner sets have been added during the past two weeks—from the finest German China at \$20.00 down to the American one-hundred-piece sets at \$5.95.

In cut glass we are showing almost everything you could wish at money-saving prices. "1847" Rogers Silverplated ware at lower prices than you've been accustomed to pay.

### Suit Cases for Holiday Gifts

A Suit Case will make a very nice present for a boy or girl—for a young man or young woman. It would probably be more pleasing than anything else to the boy or girl who goes away to school or college. These are some of the good ones we have at popular prices:

**COWHIDE SUIT CASES**—a durable case, put together with brass rivets; steel frame, strong handle, solid brass lock and trimmings, an extra piece of leather on the edges to protect it from hard knocks; in brown or russet—special at \$5.00 for 24-inch and \$5.75 for 26-inch.

**COWHIDE SUIT CASES**—built on steel frame, solid leather handle, re-enforced edges; linen lining and red satin shirt-fold; new model; brown or russet; in 24-inch size, \$6.75.

### Flannel Waists at \$2.25

Little enough to pay for a very good as well as very pretty flannel waist. These have a good, full, comfortable blouse in front, pin tucked and strapped. Tucked back, new sleeves and turnover stock. Red, reseda, navy and black.

### Honeycomb Worsted Sweaters \$2.75

Red, white and black, well knitted, with full sleeves and jersey collar and cuffs.

### Sheets and Pillow Cases

When carefully hemmed sheets of excellent muslin can be bought for such remarkably small prices, where is the sense in buying the sheeting and doing the work at home? Utica Mills, hemstitched Sheets . . . . . 65c

Hemmed Pillow Cases . . . . . 10c  
Hemmed Bolster Cases . . . . . 25c

### Black Dress Goods

Women who are quiet and conservative in their tastes and like a stuff that is as good one year as the next, are putting their money into black goods. It has nearly as many different weaves as there are leaves on a tree—close weaves, basket weaves, canvas weaves, hop-sacking weaves and plain twills. We have now a full line of the most popular weaves, such as Etamine, Albatross, Melrose, Prunella Cloths, Mohair, Serges, Crepe-de-Chene and many other weaves, commencing in price at 40c to \$1.75 a yard.

### Miscellaneous

Black Velveteen, 24 inches wide, just the sort used for suits and coats . . . . . 75c

A full line of colored and black silk velvets at . . . 75c

Ladies' Black Taffeta Silk Waists, made with tucks, Bishop sleeves, medallion trimmed, at . . . . . 3-25

Percale Wrappers of best makes in neatly finished styles, in gray, garnet and black . . . . . 85c

A full line of Eiderdown Dressing Sacques, in garnet, tan, gray and rose . . . . . 50c, 75c and 1.25

### Mocha Gloves

Women's genuine mocha skins, soft and velvety, heavy and warm. Grays and browns, in all sizes 6 to 7 1/4; pique sewn, with Paris point stitching.

### Wool Blankets

A hundred pairs of fine all-wool blankets—all colors—all low prices. They make elegant and useful Christmas gifts.

### Felt Boots

We have replenished our Felt Boot stock and are now able to suit every one and save him money.

### Specials in Men's Suspenders

Suspenders are always popular for holiday gifts to men—and always acceptable. Good values in all that we offer; some are extra-good. Here is a timely holiday suggestion:

Men's Silk Suspenders—non-elastic webs, with fine kid ends and beautiful buckles; the elastic is in the back; each pair in a pretty box. Also, fine elastic-web suspenders, with silk-worked design and kid, silk or cantab ends—special at 50c a pair.

### Men's Outing Night Shirts

Snug and comfortable and cold-defying are these domet flannel Night Shirts that we have to sell for 50c apiece. The material is very good and very pretty—if prettiness counts with men. The Night Shirts are extra full and extra long and well made throughout. A bargain at the price.

### Crushed Leather Belts

The newest style belt in black and tan; made to crush in at the waist, with nickel buckles, at 25c.

Small Waist-bags for children, 25c.  
Full size, deep bag of alligator or seal grain, with chain handle, 49c.

### Lamps for Gifts

If you want to give a lamp the earlier you begin to choose the better, for the best lamps nowadays are almost as individual as paintings or sculpture and cannot be duplicated—at least not before Christmas. Brass Table lamps; an unusually complete showing, both tall and squat shapes and in a great variety of finishes, of which the antique brass finds the most favor, with either central 1.98 to 10.00 draught or duplex burners . . . . .

### Umbrellas

The covering of an umbrella is the important part in keeping dry—these are serge silk, closely woven, shed rain like the feathers of a water bird. The handles on the women's umbrellas are all sorts of sterling silver combinations with pearl and gun metal . . . . . 1.50

Those on the men's are of buck-horn, amber-horn and fine natural woods, sterling silver mounted, very handsome and serviceable . . . . . 1.75

### For Women

Single and Double Woollen Shawls  
Handsome Dress Patterns  
Reed's Fine Shoes  
Fancy Collars  
All kinds of Jewelry  
China-ware  
Stylish Jackets  
Kid and Golf Gloves  
Handkerchiefs  
Fascinators  
Stylish Silk Waists  
Walking skirts  
Dressing Sacques  
Trunks  
Perfumery

### For Children

Books  
Dolls, Toys  
Gloves  
Handkerchiefs  
Shoes  
Leggings  
Gun Boots  
Furs  
Rings  
Pocket Books  
Stockings  
Coats  
Tam o'shanter  
Oat Meal Sets  
Candy

### Furs as Gifts for Women are Scarcely Excelled

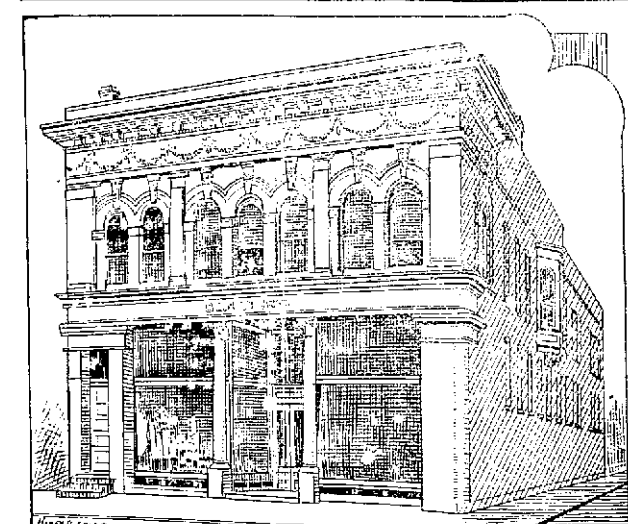
We show a magnificent assortment of really desirable and practical furs; and while every piece is sold under our absolute guarantee, you will find our prices are far below those usually asked for same quality of goods.

### 2 Wonderful Offers in Women's High-Grade Skirts

Walking Skirts in the new mannish mixtures, some made seven gore, trimmed with buttons, others made with tucks over the hips and down the front, full flare, all very nicely tailored; good-value at \$7.00 . . . . . 4.95

Walking Skirts in gray and black chevrons, made fifteen gore with full flare and lap seams, nice fitting skirts, good value at \$4.95, and almost a windfall at 2.98

Only a few days 'til Christmas; make your purchases as soon as you can. We'll keep and deliver your packages when you wish. We have plenty of help to wait on you promptly and courteously.



*Butter and Eggs are Selling at Fancy Prices at*

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